

## Social Studies Performance Task 5-5

### Standard(s):

- **SS7b - Production, Distribution, and Consumption:** Describe how inventions have influenced the development of United States economy.

### The Task:

In the history of the United States, we know that many inventions have contributed to the growth and development of the country, from covered wagons to automobiles, steam power to electrical power, and calculators to computers.

You are to research one major invention that has profoundly affected the development of the United States. Identify the invention and describe how life was like before and after the invention.

Create a multimedia report on this invention and how it has impacted the United States. Your report should include a database of facts identifying the contributor(s) of the invention, its contribution to the development of the United States, and the impact/change the invention has made on society.

### Circumstances of Performance:

The student work is produced under the following conditions:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> alone                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in a group               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in class              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> as homework              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with teacher feedback | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with peer feedback       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> timed                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> extended project         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no opportunity for revision      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> opportunity for revision |

### Criteria for Success:

#### The Report

- Has identified the invention
- Includes a database of facts on contributors/contributions
- Shows impact on the development of the United States

### Related Standard(s):

- **SS3d– Time, Continuity and Change:** Identify factors which transform the development of the United States (e.g., agricultural, industrial, informational) economy.
- **SS4e – Space and Place:** Describe how people in the United States adapted and modified their environment.